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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection  
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Department of Defense  
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of Caucasian Prisoners  
Incarcerated in the Socialist Republic  
of Vietnam

*24 May 1983  
sketch of subject  
with CIA info  
+ follow up*

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report of an alleged sighting of Caucasian prisoners in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SPV) [REDACTED]

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Deputy Director for Operations

cc: DCI  
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Attachment: Report as stated

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Socialist Republic of Vietnam

1. In June 1982 two separate and unrelated groups of Bnong hill tribespeople who journeyed past the Qua Rang area in Nghe Tinh Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV), described sighting a prison area which contained an undetermined number of Caucasian prisoners. Some of the tribespeople, who use the nearby Route 7 in their travel between the Plaines de Jarnas in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) and northern Vietnam, were able to get close enough to the camp to overhear conversations which they believed to have been in English.

2. The camp was located in the northwest quadrant (vic VC 3832) created by the intersection of the Song Ca River (known locally as the Nam Keune River) and the Nam Mo River in Vietnam. The camp is located in a jungle area approximately 100 meters from the southeast foot of a hill (unnamed) which itself is south of a larger mountain known as Muong Lam. The tribespeople stated there are no caves in the area although some of the camp's facilities might be underground.

3. The camp was guarded by approximately one battalion of regular People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) troops. All the observed prisoners were Caucasian and appeared thin, but no other distinguishing characteristics were detected. The tribespeople related that the same camp had been used as a prisoner of war camp in 1969 when they passed through the area and observed at different times eight, six and two Caucasians respectively.

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